

community I grew up in. But lo and behold, I got that letter from old Uncle Sam, some of you people can relate to that, can't you, Senator Johnson. I can see a little smirk on your face up there, and I get poked down to Camp Polk Louisiana. And I get in the barracks and up above me is Jesus Morales (phonetic). Nice young man, Jesus was. Then there were three Rodrigues (phonetic) boys in our...on the same floor, and little Joe Madina (phonetic), who never made it back. And were they good people? You bet they were good people. But one of the...one of the great influences of teaching awareness, I believe, is the armed forces of the United States. In the cities it's definitely the melting pot of public school education. And I don't know, I guess I really question the worth of this. I wish Senator Chambers a lot of luck on this. But I know...I don't know if I want to use the word racism, but I know there's a lot of intolerance out in Nebraska. Hopefully, something like this will have an effect. I think the greatest effect, though, is a sensitizing our school teachers to this, along with the school administrators. And I think we, as members of the Legislature, and all adults on how they conduct themselves. I know I certainly...I hear racist stories all the time when I go in the coffee shop. And I really don't appreciate them. I know a lot of...I know a lot of good Afro-American people, I know a lot of Native Americans, and I had the privilege of teaching a lot of young Jewish people who I think are fine people and I knew their parents very well. But I think that's the way we become sensitized to other cultures. And I think it behooves us all to take a good look at ourselves, too, when we do this. It's interesting, I was down in my office when the debate...Senator Dierks, I guess he isn't here, but Senator Dierks was going to slash the budget, and my good friend, Senator Schimek, questioned some of those things. I noticed the A bill here, 75 or 80 thousand dollars. Now, I'm not sure if we need that much money in the A bill, because we have, at the Department of Education, I don't know how hard those people work over there, but we have consultants in English, social studies, math, science, foreign language, and then we have three other people that work in multicultural types of activities that are on foreign...excuse me, on federal grants. So, in my...I don't know, I guess I really question the A bill. I had my aide check the number of new people that we've already brought into the fold, Senator Schimek. I think it's around 16 or 17 already this year we've brought into the fold of state government. That means we need 16 more parking places, 16 more desks, and on, and on, and on. I enjoyed your...the way